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604.21 When does eligibility for Birth and Adoption unemployment compensation commence?

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Subpart A—General Provisions

§ 604.1 What is the purpose of this regulation?

The regulation in this part allows the States to develop and experiment with innovative methods for paying unemployment compensation to parents on approved leave or who otherwise leave employment to be with their newborns or newly-adopted children. States' experiences with Birth and Adoption unemployment compensation will enable the Department of Labor to test whether its interpretation of the Federal "able and available" requirements promotes a continued connection to the workforce in parents who receive such payments.

§ 604.2 What is the scope of this regulation?

The regulation in this part applies to and permits all State unemployment compensation programs to provide benefits to parents on approved leave or who otherwise leave employment to be with their newborns or newly-adopted children. A State's participation is voluntary.

§ 604.3 What definitions apply to this regulation?

The following definitions apply to the regulation in this part:

(a) *Approved leave* means a specific period of time, agreed to by both the employee and employer or as required by law or employment contract (including collective bargaining agreements), during which an employee is temporarily separated from employment and after which the employee will return to work for that employer.

(b) *Birth and Adoption unemployment compensation* means unemployment compensation paid only to parents on approved leave or who otherwise leave

employment to be with their newborns or newly-adopted children.

(c) *Department* means the United States Department of Labor.

(d) *Newborns* means children up to one year old.

(e) *Newly-adopted children* means children, age 18 years old or less, who have been placed within the previous 12 calendar months with an adoptive parent(s).

(f) *Parents* means mothers and fathers (biological, legal, or who have custody of a child pending their adoption of that child).

(g) *Placement* means the time a parent becomes responsible for a child pending adoption.

(h) *State(s)* means one of the States of the United States of America, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands.

Subpart B—Federal Unemployment Compensation Program Requirements

§ 604.10 Beyond the interpretation of the able and available requirement for Birth and Adoption unemployment compensation, does this regulation change the Federal requirements for the unemployment compensation program?

No, the regulation in this part does not change the Federal unemployment compensation requirements. Under its authority to interpret Federal unemployment compensation law, the Department interprets the Federal able and available requirements to include experimental Birth and Adoption unemployment compensation. The regulation in this part applies only to parents who take approved leave or otherwise leave employment to be with their newborns or newly-adopted children.

Subpart C—Coverage and Eligibility

§ 604.20 Who is covered by Birth and Adoption unemployment compensation?

If a State chooses to provide Birth and Adoption unemployment compensation, all individuals covered by